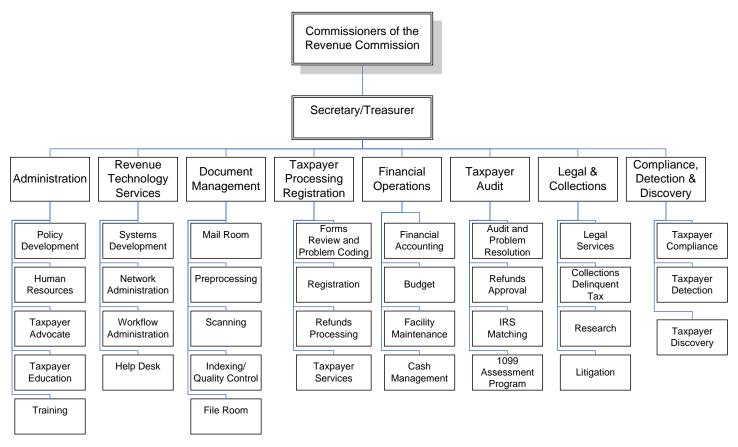


# Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Revenue Commission



# **REVENUE COMMISSION**

# **Department Mission**

The Mission of the Louisville Metro Revenue Commission is to perform fair and cost-effective revenue collection services through the enforcement of local laws and regulations.

# Programs and Services

**Financial Operations** is responsible for monitoring and managing the accounting/financial systems of the Metro Revenue Commission, its operating budget and the collection of occupational license fees, transient room taxes and insurance premium taxes. Duties include issuing financial reports; providing and coordinating cash management of invested tax revenue; and fiduciary duties for distributing tax collections, bond payments and investment incomes to government agencies.

Revenue Technology operates and maintains, and modifies all internal computer systems including but not limited to support of the Tax Revenue and Imaging systems, maintain the IRS information exchange network, maintain the Business Continuity Plan by safeguarding data, software, and hardware for possible disaster recovery. Provide service capabilities for all departmental electronic communications. Maintain a secure, state-of-the-art technical environment. Ensure all employees can perform approved functions effectively and efficiently. Real-time monitoring of all servers, multiple web-sites, and switches for immediate response to any potential problems.

**Document Management** is responsible for the processing of all incoming and non-systems generated outgoing mail, sorting and distribution of all incoming tax forms and correspondence through the imaging system, verifies and enters tax data, pre-processes tax return documents into systems, receives and distribute incoming faxes, indexing of incoming records, and management of files. Responsible for the initial handling of checks in preparation for batching and depositing. Identify returned mail as bad addresses.

**Taxpayer Processing** is responsible for processing all incoming taxpayer information, tax forms, statements, refund requests, correspondence, registrations, and maintain needed files and records. Establish initial return problem/audit codes, conduct initial review, and process returns, and processes refund requests. Provide necessary taxpayer service to all walk-ins and telephone communications with the public, communicate through the internet and staff the taxpayer reception area.

**Taxpayer Audit** resolves problematic and specialty tax returns and accounts, by reviewing and amending tax returns, and issuing appropriate notification to taxpayer. Performs desk and field audits, reviews and processes applications for tax refunds, processes insurance premium returns, and issues taxpayer assessments identified through the 1099 Matching Program. Maintains IRS records and runs the IRS Matching Program.

# Programs and Services (continued)

**Legal and Collection** handles any necessary litigation and bankruptcy of occupational taxes. It issues warrants and summons, attends court proceedings, and establishes and monitors taxpayer payment plans. Initiate contact with delinquent taxpayers, pursue legal action for noncompliance and/or non-payment, research taxpayer bad addresses, and skip trace missing taxpayers.

Compliance Detection and Discovery performs detection and discovery procedures and field investigations to identify persons who work, employ, or otherwise are engaged in business in Louisville Metro, and have failed to register. Compares agency databases against other databases and helps taxpayers become compliant. Also, serves audit and compliance letters in the field. Conducts required fieldwork for the Legal and Collections Division.

# REVENUE COMMISSION

### **Goals & Indicators**

### **Financial Operations**

- Promote electronic fund transfers of tax payments, monitor and maintain reporting accuracies.
- Issue monthly financial statements timely and accurately.
- Monitor and maintain the operation budget and financial systems for the Metro Revenue Commission.
- Performs cash management functions including investment of collected revenue, and distributes collections as required.
- Make bond payments when required.

### **Revenue Technology**

- The Technology Division is responsible for providing a secure, state-of-art technical environment, ensuring all employees of the Metro Revenue Commission can perform their functions effectively and efficiently.
- Provide maintenance and enhancements to our Tax Revenue and Imaging applications in order to support the goals of the Agency and its Divisions.
- Technology Division maintains web sites, makes improvements and modification as required and monitors usage and performance continuously.
- To control the cost of communicating with the taxpayer through the use of the latest technology. Evaluate best system practices and system correspondence to reduce mailing and postage expense, and to increase taxpayer compliance and revenues.
- Investigate and develop a plan to provide either electronic or web based filing and registration, or combination of both.

### **Document Management**

- Work with management to evaluate alternatives for processing of manual payments into electronic payments.
- Monitor key depositors to insure deposits are received and processed timely.
- Maintain the archived taxpayer information by adding new taxpayer information and timely purging taxpayer information beyond required retention dates.
- Update correspondence processing queues for closed businesses, trade names, TIN, and e-mail addresses and all other incoming correspondence.

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# Goals & Indicators (continued)

### **Taxpayer Processing**

- Updates Taxpayer Master Database for closed businesses, trade Names, TIN, and e-mail addresses.
- Implement a new Automated Call Distribution (ACD) System and monitor same system.
- Develop training documentation for Taxpayer Processing and Taxpayer Service Divisions.
- Continually strive to reduce the backlog of tax returns and documents in processing.
- Track certain types of tax documents so that they can be quickly processed.
- Assist in the implementation of Online Taxpayer registration.
- Assist in the implementation of W-1 electronic filing.

#### Audit

- Continue IRS Matching Program as a source to generate additional revenue.
- Investigate the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet Exchanged Data Program and the Kentucky Insurance Commissioners as sources to generate additional revenue.
- Audit of Employer W-2's and W-3's for improper employee withholding including KJDA employee returns.
- Help to implement House Bill 107 & House Bill 458 and issue updated new regulations.
- Issue current tax year 1099 Assessments.
- Implement additional audit training to expand current staff capabilities.

### **Legal and Collections**

- Increase staff to improve collection of delinquent license taxes and percentage of taxpaver filed returns.
- Expand policies, procedures and reports to prioritize delinquent accounts.
- Expand the use of legal and collection capabilities, such as, criminal warrants, civil complaints, payment plans, garnishments, judgments, and liens on identified delinquent taxpayers to increase collection of license taxes owed.
- Help implement an Automated Call Distribution System that will improve productivity and efficiency.
- Provide training to improve quality and expand knowledge base.

### **Compliance, Detection, and Discovery**

- Perform detection and discovery procedures to identify persons who work, have employees, or who otherwise are engaged in business inside Louisville Metro and have failed to register with the Metro Revenue Commission.
- Conduct investigations, and research that will increase tax registrations and revenue.
- Works in conjunction with other Louisville Metro Agencies to investigate non-compliant taxpayers.

# **Revenue Commission**

# **Budget Summary**

	Prior Year Actual 2003-2004	Original Budget 2004-2005	Revised Budget 2004-2005	Mayor's Recommended 2005-2006	Council Approved 2005-2006
Agency Receipts	4, 550, 000	5, 406, 500	5, 406, 500	5, 492, 300	5, 492, 300
Total Revenue:	4, 550, 000	5, 406, 500	5, 406, 500	5, 492, 300	5, 492, 300
Personal Services	3, 171, 200	3, 759, 500	3, 675, 400	3, 672, 800	3, 672, 800
Contractual Services	1, 129, 500	1, 321, 000	1, 405, 100	1, 455, 500	1, 455, 500
Supplies	125, 000	197, 100	192, 100	189, 800	189, 800
Equipment/Capital Outlay	121, 500	118, 900	123, 900	130, 000	130,000
Interdepartment Charges	11, 100	10, 000	10, 000	44, 200	44, 200
Total Expenditure:	4, 558, 300	5, 406, 500	5, 406, 500	5, 492, 300	5, 492, 300
Expenditures By Activity					
Director's Office	4, 561, 500	381, 500	381, 500	309, 400	309, 400
Fiscal Management Program	0	858, 800	858, 800	882, 500	882, 500
Information Technology Program	0	1, 254, 200	1, 254, 200	1, 216, 200	1, 216, 200
Document Management Program	0	554, 000	547,600	551, 700	551, 700
Taxpayer Processing Program	0	755, 900	755, 900	792, 900	792, 900
Audit Program	0	637, 100	683,500	652, 400	652, 400
Legal and Collection Program	(3, 200)	780, 100	740, 100	844, 200	844, 200
Compliance, Detention, & Discovery	0	184, 900	184, 900	243, 000	243, 000
Total Expenditure:	4, 558, 300	5, 406, 500	5, 406, 500	5, 492, 300	5, 492, 300

### **Revenue Commission**

# Position Detail

Revenue Commission			Detail
	Mayor's	Council	
	Recommended	Approved	
	FY2005-2006	FY2005-2006	
Position Allocation (in Full-Time Equivalents)			
Full-Time ,	74	74	
Permanent Part-Time	1	1	
Seasonal/Other	4	4	
Total Positions	79	79	
PROGRAMS			
Director's Office			
Full-Time	2	2	
Permanent Part-Time	0	0	
Seasonal/Other	0	Õ	
Total Positions	2	2	
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Title	4	4	
Director  Figure 1 to 1 April 2 to 1 to	1	1	
Executive Assistant	1	1	
Fiscal Management Program			
Full-Time	5	5	
Permanent Part-Time	1	1	
Seasonal/Other			
Total Positions	6	6	
Title			
Administrative Specialist	1	1	
Business Manager I	1	1	
Custodian	1	1	
Maintenance Worker	1	1	
Revenue Manager	1	1	
Revenue Specialist	1	1	
Information Technology Program	_	_	
Full-Time	8	8	
Permanent Part-Time	0	0	
Seasonal/Other	0	0	
Total Positions	8	8	
Title			
Administrative Asst	1	1	
Info Systems Analyst	1	1	
Systems Analyst	2	2	
Systems Analyst Manager	1	1	
Systems Analyst Supvsr	2	2	
Systems Engineer II	1	1	

	FY 200	FY 2005-2006 Executive Budget		
Document Management				
Full-Time	14	14		
Permanent Part-Time	0	0		
Seasonal/Other	1	1		
Total Positions	15	15		
Title				
Administrative Supvsr II	1	1		
Clerk	1	1		
Imaging Operator	4	4		
Mail Room Clerk	1	1		
Revenue Technician	7	7		
Staff Helper/Internal	1	1		
Taxpayer Processing				
Full-Time	17	17		
Permanent Part-Time	0	0		
Seasonal/Other	2	2		
Total Positions	19	19		
Title				
Receptionist	1	1		
Revenue Manager	1	1		
Revenue Specialist	13	13		
Revenue Supvsr	2	2		
Staff Helper/Internal	2	2		
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Audit Program	40	40		
Full-Time	10	10		
Permanent Part-Time	0	0		
Seasonal/Other	0	0		
Total Positions	10	10		
Title				
Revenue Manager	1	1		
Revenue Specialist	1	1		
Revenue Technician	1	1		
Tax Audit Supvsr	2	2		
Tax Auditor I	5	5		
Legal & Collections				
Full-Time	13	13		
Permanent Part-Time	0	0		
Seasonal/Other	11	1		
Total Positions	14	14		
Title				
Paralegal	1	1		
Revenue Manager	1	1		
Revenue Specialist	6	6		
Revenue Supvsr	2	2		
Revenue Technician	3	3		
Staff Helper/Internal	1	1		

# FY 2005-2006 Executive Budget

Compliance, Detention & Discovery			
Full-Time	5	5	
Permanent Part-Time	0	0	
Seasonal/Other	0	0	
Total Positions	5	5	
Title			
Revenue Specialist	1	1	
Revenue Supvsr	1	1	
Revenue Technician	2	2	
Tax Auditor I	1	1	